

## San Luis Obispo County FireSafe Council

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## Item 2A

## **NOTES**

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

9:00 AM -11:00 AM Thursday August 28, 2014 Templeton Sheriff's substation 356 N. Main Street, Templeton

#### Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions

<u>Executive Committee members present: Pres. Meacham; V. Pres. Dulitz; V. Pres. Harrison;</u>
<u>Treasurer Neumann; Secretary Negro. Executive Committee member absent: Director Ed Wagge</u>

<u>Staff present: CAL FIRE: Chief Alan Peters; Captain Greg Alex SLO FSC Business Manager Dan</u> Turner

Guest: Chief Ken Johnson, City of Paso Robles Dept of Emergency Services

- 2. Minutes
  - a) July 2014 Board of Directors meeting minutes (attachment 2-A)

    July minutes were not available at meeting time, deferred to Sept Board meeting for action
  - b) July 17, 2014 Exec comm notes (attachment 2-B)

    July 17 Executive Committee NOTES were approv4ed as presented
- 3. PG&E Crew donation proposal-Greg Saenz

(attachment 3-A)

a) Proposed Project status

**Action:** Receive report and provide direction

Dan Turner presented status of PG&E grant proposal:

- USFS has approved the project for W Cuesta Ridge communications sites (Cuesta Peak and Tassajera Peak). Work can begin as soon as PG&E grants final agreement approval
- PG&E has solicited the SLO FSC for additional projects funded through PG&E. The following were submitted prior to the meeting; the following list is in PRIORITY ORDER DETERMINED BY SLO FSC Executive Committee:
  - 1. Calf Canyon fuel break (federal land portion; BLM has already approved work)
  - 2. St. Margarita Lake fuel break (federal land portions; approval on federal land pending)
  - 3. Chipping on Highway 41 west & Toro Creek area
  - 4. Hacienda Heights Water Tanks in Paso Robles
  - 5. <u>Cal Poly WUI FIRE Center study (establish research institute at Cal Poly focused on WUI fires)</u>
  - 6. W. Cuesta Road (TV Tower Road) right of way clearance (USFS approval pending)
  - 7. <u>Cambria forest dead and dying tree removal</u>

NOTE: After the SLO FSC Exec Comm meeting, PG&E agreed to fund a portion of the supplemental project list for a total of \$163,500. Formal action on this new funding will take place at SLO FSC Board of Directors meeting in September.



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#### 4. YTD Financial status -Turner

a) 2014 Grant and Internal Operating Budget

(attachment 4-A)

**Action:** Motion to approve:

<u>Dan Turner presented current financial statements for FSC Operating, all current grants and master grant allocation table with completed projects moved to bottom of page.</u>

Motion to approve: Bob Neumann Sec: Steve Negro; approved 5-0

5. GRANTS REPORT-Turner

a) Grants Master Allocation Matrix (attachment 5-A) b) 2014 WFLC-Lake Nacimiento (14-WUI-004) (attachment 5-B)

1) Grant Budget status

c) 2013-14 State Fire Safe Council Grant (13-051) (attachment 5-C)

1) Grant Budget status

d) 2014-15 State Fire Safe Council Grant (14-014) (attachment 5-D)

1) Grant Budget status

e) Parkhill CFAA grant (8CA13402) (attachment 5-E)

1) Grant Budget status

#### 6. Project/Focus Group Requests-

(attachments 6-A,B,C,D,E,F)

a) Hacienda Heights project b) Toro Creek/Highway 41 West c) Creston chipping d) Shandon chipping
 e) Ranchita chipping
 f) Black Lake HOA-Nipomo City of Paso Robles-Chief Ken Johnson
 CAL FIRE-Division Chief Alan Peters
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**Action:** Motion to approve

<u>New grant project request were submitted for Exec Comm consideration and recommendation to</u> the full Board

- a) Chief Ken Johnson of Paso Robles ESD requested funding to remove dead and dying shrubs and brush from the area of the Hacienda Heights water storage tanks in Paso Robles. CCC provided a bid to do the work for \$9,000 Motion Bob Neumann, Sec; Steve Negro approved 5-0 for funding from 14-014 grant
- b) Chief Peters presented a request from the Highway 41/Toro Creek area to have chipping event in their community and to explore formation of a focus group. Motion Bob Neumann; second Steve Negro approved 5-0 for funding of \$5,830 for chipping event from 13-051 grant; Formation of "Focus Group" to be explored further to determine if appropriate or if this a "project only" need.
- c) d) and e) Creston; d) Shandon and e) Ranchita chipping requests were presented by Captain Greg Alex. Captain Pat Hibbard (who was very active in Parkhill station area and now promoted to Shandon) will coordinate Shandon event 1-2 days in each community. Motion Bob Neumann Second Steve Negro approved 5-0 for funding from 14-014 grant (Creston \$4,098; Shandon \$4,098; Ranchita \$3,464)



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f) Chief Peters presented a request from Blacklake Community in Nipomo for a hazardous fuel removal project and potential Focus Group formation. Discussion followed and direction was given for Blacklake to return with a standard SLO FSC Project Request and to consider adding Knollwoods Home Owners Association to the project. V. Pres Harrison can serve as point of contact for the group; he also said the Nipomo CSD may have solid waste fee funds available to assist in fun ding project. Motion Bob Neumann; Second Dan Dulitz to have Blacklake group return with proposal request . approved 5-0.

#### 7) 2015 Western WUI grant-Atas-Tassajera (15-WUI-093)

(attachment 7-A, B8A 8A)

- a) Major scope change from July
  - (1) Project allocation
- b) Project Map

**Action:** Receive report and provide direction

Dan Turner presented information that CA Fire Safe Council Exec Director contacted him advising they had even more additional funding available for this grant. The extra funding would bring the total to \$243,516; just short of the original request of \$260,500. Turner presented recommended project scope budget revision reflecting new amount. WFLC does not need to approve new application; CA FSC has been delegated authority to allocate the funds to SLO FSC. Performance period will begin once new online application is complete with CA FSC. Direction was given to Business Manager to use the recommended scope and budget change and submit application to CA FSC

- a) 2016 WESTERN WFLC WUI grant application period open
  - 1) Recommend withdrawing Atas-Tassajera Phase "2" request

**Action:** Receive report and provide direction

At the July SLO FSC Board of Directors meeting direction was given to resubmit the

Atascadero-Tassajera project for the WFLC grant program. Dan Turner submitted the

application but CAL FIRE declined it based on the change in funding for the above grant. SLO

FSC Exec Comm concurred with recommended action to withdraw request.

8) SRA Fee Grant Program Rules

(attachments 8-A,B,C,D)

- a) CA Board of Forestry Rule making hearing
- b) SRA Parcel and Fees data
- c) Grant Evaluation score sheet
- d) SRA Fee budget report to CA Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

**Action:** Receive report and provide direction

Dan Turner presented a short summary of information on the new CAL FIRE SRA FEE and CAP AND TRADE grant programs. Rules are being written and first application requests for Urban Forestry components will be out mid-September with Fire prevention components to follow in October. Based on formulas in the legislation and budget language.

SRA Fees: San Luis Obispo County should expect to see an average of \$360,000 in SRA fee funded grants per year (amounts per year may vary, based on statewide review, but will meet average over 5 years period). Applicants can be FSC; County of SLO; fire districts or CSD that provide fire protection that are in SRA; Resource Conservation districts; or non -profits that provide fire prevention services.



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Fire

<u>CAP & TRADE: Fire prevention projects funded through Cap and Trade revenues will require a calculated Climate Change/Green House Gas reduction component. Applicants can be same as above and cities. Not restricted to SRA areas.</u>

Information sheets about these programs are posted on SLO FSC website

No action to be taken at this time; pending further information on program rules

#### 9) 2015 WFLC Forest Health Grant-Cambria

(attachments 9-A)

**Action:** Receive report and provide direction

Alan Peters and Dan Turner discussed a request by the Cambria Forest Committee to coordinate and serve as fiscal sponsor for a Western Forestry Leadership Council (WFLC) grant request on their behalf. Included in the applicant group with Cambria Forest Committee is Cambria CSD; Friends of Fiscalini Ranch; Greenspace Foundation; and CAL FIRE. Turner met with group and submitted an application to CAL FIRE for \$300,000 to do forest thinning, remove invasive Pampass grass and French broom; remove dead and dying hazard trees and replant with disease resistant Monterey Pine rootstock.

#### 10) September Board of Directors meeting

a) Location: CAL FIRE-Paso Robles Air Attack Base
 b) Date: Thursday September 25, 2014 9 AM-11 PM
 c) Program: *Tour of Air tanker base and aircraft*

#### 11) Roundtable

<u>Dan Turner will be out of town and not at September Board of Directors meeting. Greg Alex will coordinate meeting and agenda.</u>